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REMARKS

Claims 12-16 and 18-30 remain pending in the application including independent claims 12, 23, 24, and 30. Claims 1-11 and 17 have been canceled. New dependent claims 31 and 32 have been added.

In response to the examiner's objections to the disclosure, applicant would refer the examiner to the amendment dated April 23, 2004, which was automatically entered into the record upon filing of the RCE application. The April 23, 2004 amendment included numerous revisions to the disclosure, which applicant asserts fully addresses the examiner's objections as set forth in the current official action.

Claims 20 and 29 have been amended in response to the examiner's objections.

Claims 12-15, 18, 19, 21-28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maekawa. Claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the exterior surface of the window pane is laterally aligned with an exterior surface of the profile bar. None of the embodiments of Maekawa disclose this feature. Claim 24 has similarly been amended.

Claim 23 has been amended to specify that the guide element receives a drive element that is driven by the window regulator arrangement wherein an edge of the window pane is received in the at least one edge guide element such that the drive element and the edge of the window pane are disposed substantially in the single plane. None of the embodiments of Maekawa disclose this feature. Claim 30 has similarly been amended.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maekawa in view of Kobrehehl. Claims 20 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

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unpatentable over Maekawa in view of Hcim. These rejections are moot in light of the amendments discussed above.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. A check is enclosed to cover the additional claim fees. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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